

## POSTAL DEFICIT BEING WIPED OUT

Hitchcock Hopeful That Penny Letter Postage May Soon Be Justified.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Basing his conclusions on the auditor's returns of postal receipts and expenditures for the first half of the current fiscal year and on preliminary returns for the third quarter of the year, which closed March 31, Postmaster-General Hitchcock predicted today that the first year of the present administration would show a decrease of over \$10,000,000 in the deficit of \$10,800,000 handed down from the preceding year. The deficit for the first half of the current year was \$10,800,000, and the estimated deficit for the first half of last year a reduction of over \$6,000,000 in six months.

The recent publications of the auditor's returns for the quarter ended December 31 disclosed the fact that the service had been conducted during that period at an actual profit of \$2,110,000, the largest surplus recorded. It is stated, for any quarter in the history of the department, that the Postmaster-General expressed the belief that the final figures for the quarter ended March 31 would show a surplus of close to \$2,000,000.

The final quarter of the year—that ending June 30 next, in which certain heavy expenses of the service will fall—is likely, Mr. Hitchcock said, to show a deficit, but as expenditures are now running at a rate which is not expected to be exceptionally small, the Postmaster-General said he would not be surprised if the excess of expenditures over receipts for the entire year fell as low as \$5,000,000, which would mean, he said, the wiping out of over \$12,000,000 of deficit in the period for the twelve months.

The officers of the department attribute the extraordinary reduction shown in the rate of expenditures to certain reforms that were introduced at the opening of the year in the methods of handling the postal business.

During the first months of the administration the Postmaster-General assembled at Washington the most experienced officers of the registry office, the money order service, and in general post-office management. Each set of officers remained in conference several days before the Postmaster-General submitted definite recommendations for the betterment of their respective services. The recommendations were immediately put into effect. Mr. Hitchcock also said further:

"The work of reorganization is still in progress, and the Postmaster-General believes that with certain changes in some of the postal laws that now hamper the service, it will be possible in another year to place the postal service on a self-sustaining basis, notwithstanding the tremendous losses resulting from the reduction of postage on second-class matter. During the first half of the present fiscal year, for which the auditor's returns are now available, second-class matter constituted in weight fully two-thirds of all mail handled, but the receipts from it amounted to about \$4,000,000, or less than 1 per cent, of the total receipts for the half year."

"In view of the large reduction already made in the rate of postal expenditures, I am now firmly of the opinion that a proper postage charge on periodical matter would wipe out not only the postal deficit, but would cause a sufficient surplus of receipts to warrant a penny letter postage."

## GOVERNOR PASSES LIE

Accuses Chairman of Legislative Committee of Misrepresenting Him. Trenton, N. J., April 11.—A hearing given by Governor Wood to Assemblyman Ramsey's bill to place only one cent on the State Board of Medical Examiners, and rather casually at the State House, when the Governor accused Dr. Luther M. Halsey, of Williamsport, N. J., chairman of the Legislative committee on the State Medical Society, as having misrepresented him.

Mr. Lewis, a lawyer, was speaking on behalf of the New Jersey Society in favor of the bill, during which he declared that the Governor had said in a public speech that he would not support the bill, and that the Governor had indirectly permitted himself to support the bill.

The Governor interrupted Mr. Lewis by saying that he had made no such remark, and demanded to know where Mr. Lewis secured his information. Mr. Lewis said he had gotten it from Dr. Halsey.

With this the Governor turned on Dr. Halsey, who was present, and said: "You have been lying about me, and this is not the first time. You lied about me the first time when you were a candidate for Governor, and you have been doing so ever since I have been Governor. You are the only man who has been building me into signing this bill."

Dr. Halsey attempted to explain, but there was so much confusion that he could not be heard, and the matter was unceremoniously adjourned. It is considered certain that the Governor will veto the bill.

Pleased With Outlook for Fair. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., April 11.—George F. Googhegan, manager of the Danville fair, returned today from Roanoke, where he attended a meeting Saturday of the secretaries of various fair associations in Virginia and North Carolina. The meeting was largely attended. Manager Googhegan, while away, conferred with representatives of many of the large attractions and exhibitions for fairs, and made arrangements to secure the Danville fair this fall. He is much pleased with the outlook for the Danville fair.

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GUESTS NARROWLY ESCAPE

Plee from Julian Hotel When Fire Alarm Is Sounded.

Dubuque, Iowa, April 11.—Two hundred sleeping guests had a narrow escape from death early today in a fire which burned the Julian Hotel, one of the most prominent hotels in the State. A number were injured in the rush for safety. Many spectacular rescues were made, and despite the confusion most of the guests escaped without harm.

The blaze had been in progress some time before it was discovered. One of the lodgers smelled smoke and got up to investigate. He loudly sounded the alarm, and the hotel was filled with half-dressed people, feeling for their lives. They stumbled down the smoke-filled stairways and fell into the street.

The firemen after a hard fight subdued the flames and saved part of the building. The damage is estimated at \$20,000.

Fire of supposedly incendiary origin today swept one of the Standard Lumber Company's yards and destroyed several million feet of lumber. The damage is \$100,000. This is the third disastrous fire in Dubuque since Thursday night, when the Bijou Theatre was burned, and the loss of \$50,000. The hotel fire brought the total damage to \$200,000 for the three fires. Many residents believe all three were of incendiary origin.

## ULTIMATUM DELIVERED

Washington and Baltimore May Withdraw as Candidates for Meet.

Washington-Baltimore aviation committee, at a meeting today, unanimously adopted a resolution, which was forwarded by telegram to the Aero Club of America at New York, in order that it might come before the club at its meeting to-night. In which the committee announced its decision to withdraw as a candidate for the international aviation meet of 1910, unless the time and place be decided upon by the Aero Club of America within ten days from today and assurance be given by it of the participation by a sufficient number of foreign pilots to make the meet a success.

Refusals to Discuss It. New York, April 11.—Cortlandt F. Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, said to-night that he did not care to discuss the action of the Washington Club until he had first dealt directly with those in authority there. Bishop's supporters, however, said that the situation evidently is not understood in Washington, and that when it has been clarified there will be no dissatisfaction anywhere over the progress being made toward an international meet in this country.

The faction within the club fighting President Bishop gave out another letter to-night, accusing him of "handing over the Aero Club of America and the interests of the International Aeronautic Federation in this country to a private corporation without any single benefit to the club or the people of the United States."

## NO BID IS OFFERED

Yerkes Residence and Art Galleries Put to Public Auction.

New York, April 11.—There was no sale of the Yerkes residence and valuable art galleries at Fifth Avenue and Sixty-eighth Street today, for the sufficient reason that no bid was offered.

Less than a hundred persons attended the offering, and millions among them were scarce. Thomas F. Yerkes, the traction and insurance capitalist, looked in, but said nothing. Evidently the upset price of \$1,000,000 ordered by the courts was considered excessive. The sale, therefore, was adjourned for one week.

The Yerkes house was bought by the late Charles T. Yerkes in 1898, and left by him to the city, but the estate became involved in litigation with the Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited, when Mr. Yerkes promoted, and a receiver's sale was ordered. Never before has Fifth Avenue property of equal value gone under the hammer. The Yerkes paintings, tapestries and rugs also sold at auction, brought \$2,024,450.

Denies Sale to Newman Erb. Chattanooga, Tenn., April 11.—Henry L. Lamb, president of the Chattanooga Southern Railway, today denied that Newman Erb, of New York, and associated galleries at Fifth Avenue, had recently reported. He intimated that the Louisville and Nashville Railroad would purchase it when a clear title was per-

## PROSECUTION CLOSES CASE

Senator Bilbo Will Begin Presenting His Evidence To-Day.

Jackson, Miss., April 11.—The prosecution in the bribery scandal investigation in the Senate practically closed its case this afternoon. Senator Anderson announced, however, that two witnesses were expected to arrive tomorrow, and that, if they had any knowledge whatsoever of the affair, they would testify. The defense, through Senator McDonald, declared that Senator Bilbo's witnesses had been notified to come at once, and would reach Jackson to-morrow at noon.

Only four witnesses were heard in the afternoon session. Two of these testified to the good reputation of C. D. Eubank. These were C. M. Williamson, a Jackson lawyer, and Major R. W. Millspaugh, a millionaire banker. Senator Walter Price told how Governor Vardaman came to him during the caucus and said he feared money was being used against him. Later, J. Q. Ponder, a Vardaman manager, proposed to Senator Price that he get in a wardrobe in the Edwards house and see the bribe given to Bilbo. This caused a laugh, for Price weighs nearly 300 pounds.

"I told him I'd get into no wardrobe for anybody," said Price. "I told him I had no confidence in Bilbo, and that the whole affair was a mare's nest. I told him further, as I told Vardaman, whom I was supporting, that I had evidence of crookedness was furnished to me, I would demand a senatorial investigation before the caucus or United States Senator was completed."

Dr. H. F. Garrison, of Seminary, testified to Bilbo's good reputation for truth and veracity, and declared Bilbo told him of the bribery and of his intention to expose the bribe. When Dr. Garrison was excused, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning.

## STRIKERS BEGIN RIOTING

Italians Refuse to Disperse and Are Attacked by Police.

Trenton, N. J., April 11.—A riot of the Roebbing strikers occurred this afternoon when between 400 and 500 of the Italian workers congregated about the plant of the American Cigar Company and endeavored to get the girl employees to go out on a sympathetic strike.

A squad of police in charge of Sergeant Zenker was detailed to disperse the crowd. When the officers ordered the crowd back the men refused to move. Thereupon one of the strikers was placed under arrest and the trouble began. Bricks and other missiles were hurled at the police. Sergeant Zenker was struck in the back and knocked unconscious. The police had to resort to drastic measures, and fired several shots, but injured none of the strikers. About fifty of the Italians were placed under arrest.

Some of the men taken into custody are suffering from broken heads as a result of the melee.

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The company, in a statement to-night, said it would refuse to recognize any union with which the strikers may become affiliated.

There were no outbreaks to-night, and the police say they have the situation under control.

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## THOMAS G. LEATH STRICKEN BY DEATH

Well-Known Theatrical Man Passes Away After Long Illness.

Seven years ago he organized a chain of theatres, and the Leath Circuit resulted. Later it was made the Leath Theatrical Company, with Leath as general manager, and the company became powerful in the South wherever it had theatres.

Mr. Leath was a past exalted ruler of the Richmond Lodge of Elks, and a delegation from the lodge will attend the funeral.

The remains of Mr. Leath were carried to the home of W. G. Neal, 927 West Grace, Mr. Neal having been a close business friend of Mr. Leath for many years. The funeral will be held at old Blandford Cemetery, at Petersburg, where his father and mother are buried. A special car will leave Seventh and Perry Streets this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and the funeral services will take place at the grave at 5 o'clock.

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